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For : GENES DISPLAYING ENHANCED EXPRESSION DURING CELLULAR SENESENCE AND TERMINAL CELL DIFFERENTIATION AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION
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Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please delete the paragraph at lines 7-10 beginning "This application claims priority..." and insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/02920, filed 2 February 2000, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/243,277, filed February 2, 1999, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-12, 15, 16, 23-47, 49-61 and 63-84 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.